## SUPPLY OF MID-DAY MEAL TO PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS.

771. Sri P. M. BANGI (Jamkhandi).—

Will the Minister of State for Primary and Secondary Education be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of Primary Schools in the State and how many school going children are supplied with Mid-day Meals ;

(*b*) the type of meal that is being served to the school going children ;

(*c*) whether it has come to the notice of Government that Soji, Maida and Oil alone are supplied to each school, and there is no provision for the supply of fuel and other articles for preparation of Balahar (Uppittu) ;

(*d*) how the costs of these articles are being met by the Primary School teachers ;

(*e*) whether Government is aware that a portion of Soji and Maida are being sold by the Teachers to meet the above said expenditure in black market without any orders ;

(*f*) whether separate time for serving Mid-day Meals and also for coaching is not earmarked by the Government ;

(*g*) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that morning time is spent mostly in serving Mid-day Meals to students instead of coaching the students ?

Smt. E. E. VAZ (Minister of State for Primary and Secondary Education) :—

(*a*) (i) Number of Primary Schools : 32,840.

(ii) Number of School going children supplied with Mid-day Meals : 8,00,000.

(*b*) Uppittu prepared out of Rava (*i.e.*, Corn, Soya Bean Milk or Balahar or Bulgar Wheat) and Salad Oil.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) The Department provides 50 paise per beneficiary per annum towards meeting incidential charges on transportation of food commodities from Range Godowns to Feeding Centres and on purchase of condiments, fuel, vessels, etc.

(SMT. E. E. VAZ)

Further, the Department also provides necessary funds towards payment of cook-*cum*-Aya charges at the following rates :—

(i) at Rs. 5 p.m. for a Feeding centre with less than 51 beneficiaries.

(ii) at Rs. 10 p.m. for a Feeding Centre with beneficiaries between 51 and 100.

(iii) at Rs. 15 p.m. for a Feeding Centre with beneficiaries more than 100 but upto 200.

(iv) at Rs. 20 p.m. for a Feeding Centre with more than 200 beneficiaries.

(*e*) No.

(*f*) The Mid-day meals are generally served during the interval.

(*g*) No.

## SUPPLY OF MID-DAY MEALS IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS OF BELTHANGADY TALUK.

906. Sri K. SUBRAMANYA GOWDA (Belthangady).—

Will the Minister of State for Primary and Secondary Education be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the Government is aware that there is no Mid-day Meals supply at the schools in the whole of Belthangady taluk ;

(*b*) if so, when the Government will supply Mid-day Meals to the Schools in the taluk ?

Smt. E. E. Vaz (Minister of State for Primary and Secondary Education) :—

(*a*) Yes ; during the months of November 1973, December 1973 and January 1974.

(*b*) Supplies were resumed from February 1974 onwards.